

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: SB 1135
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Elementary and Secondary Education
Dept; Children and Minors; Teachers
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

According to officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**, school districts will likely experience costs associated with promulgating and implementing the bully-free school plan. Preparation of the annual report, which shall include the bully-free school plan in effect in the school district and the number of bullying incidents reported at each school and district, could pose significant costs to local school districts.

Additional duties within DESE can be absorbed with existing resources.

According to officials, the **Columbia School District (CSD)** has instituted discipline strategies to address bullying district wide. CSD anticipates additional costs in the range of \$10,000 - \$25,000 for the staff time to actually compile and meet the reporting requirements as defined in the proposal.

Officials from the **Kansas City Missouri School District (KCMSD)** report that the District's Student Code of Conduct includes a prohibition on bullying. Each school year, all students and their parents must sign indicating they have read and understand the Code. The additional requirements for each school developing a school plan, report annually to the school superintendent, and DESE is an additional cost. KCMSD would have to pay a stipend for representative teachers from all 69 schools to work with parents and administration in developing

ASSUMPTION (continued)

the plan annually, preparing the reports, and consolidating and printing the report again for DESE consumption would easily exceed \$100,000 per year.

Officials from the **Mexico School District** and the **St Louis Public School District** state this proposal should not have a significant fiscal impact on their school districts.

Nixa Public School District did not response to our request for fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

<u>Cost - Implementation and Reporting</u>			
Requirements for Bully-Free School Plan	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal defines "bullying" and requires each public school district to promulgate and implement a bully-free school plan. The plans must state specific policies designed to prevent bullying from occurring and must also contain procedures for disciplining students who bully. The proposal requires school districts to annually submit a report to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which shall be made available to the public, regarding bullying incidents.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
St Louis Public Schools
Kansas City Missouri School District
Columbia Public Schools

NOT RESPONDING

Nixa Public School District

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Director
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